

¹ In determining whether a criminal case or investigation is “related” to a civil forfeiture proceeding, the court considers the degree of similarity between the parties, witnesses, facts, and circumstances involved in the two proceedings, without requiring an identity with respect to any one or more factors. 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(4).

incrimination in the related criminal case. 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(2).

Having reviewed the parties' Motion, the record, and applicable authority, the Court finds that a stay of these proceedings is warranted.

Accordingly, the parties' Joint Motion to Stay (Doc. 7) is **GRANTED**, and this matter is **STAYED** for a period of 90 days. After the expiration of that 90-day period, the stay shall automatically dissolve unless the Government or Claimants show by motion (accompanied by a status report) reasons why the stay should not be lifted.

Signed: May 10, 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "W. Carleton Metcalf", written over a horizontal line.

W. Carleton Metcalf
United States Magistrate Judge

